



DW_fp_sub_DG

Floating-Point Subtractor with Datapath Gating

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Features and Benefits

Revision History

- Has the same functionality as DW_fp_sub when the component is in normal operation
- Consumes less dynamic power than DW_fp_sub when disabled (inputs are active, but the output is not being used)
- The precision is controlled by parameters, and covers formats in the IEEE standard
- Exponents can range from 3 to 31 bits
- Fractional part of the floating-point number can range from 2 to 253 bits
- Configurable to be fully compliant with the IEEE Std 754-1985 standard
- Configurable for NaN representation compatible with the IEEE Std 754-2008 standard (controlled by the *ieee_compliance* parameter)
- DesignWare datapath generator is employed for better power and QoR

Description

DW_fp_sub_DG is a floating-point component that subtracts two floating-point values, a and b, to produce a floating-point difference, z. Also, a control input (DG_ctrl) can disable the component to reduce dynamic power consumption when the component is not in use and inputs are still active.

Component pins are described in Table 1-1 and configuration parameters are described in Table 1-2.

Table 1-1 Pin Description

Pin Name	Width	Direction	Function
а	(sig_width + exp_width + 1) bits	Input	Input data
b	(sig_width + exp_width + 1) bits	Input	Input data
z	(sig_width + exp_width + 1) bits	Output	a - b
status	8 bits	Output	Status flags for the result For details, see STATUS Flags in the Datapath Floating-Point Overview.
rnd	3 bits	Input	Rounding mode For details, see Rounding Modes in the Datapath Floating-Point Overview.

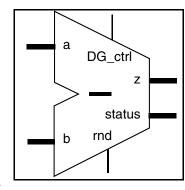


Table 1-1 Pin Description (Continued)

Pin Name	Width	Direction	Function
DG_ctrl	1 bit	Input	Datapath gating control
			■ 0: Component is disabled
			■ 1: Normal component operation
			See "Datapath Gating Control with DG_ctrl" on page 3.

Table 1-2 Parameter Description

Parameter	Values	Description
sig_width	2 to 253 bits	Word length of fraction field of floating-point numbers a, b, and ${\tt z}$
exp_width	3 to 31 bits	Word length of biased exponent of floating-point numbers $\mathtt{a},\mathtt{b},$ and \mathtt{z}
ieee_compliance	Default: 0	Level of support for the IEEE Std 754 standards:
		 0: No support for NaNs and denormals; NaNs are considered infinities and denormals are considered zeros
		■ 1: Fully compliant with the IEEE Std 754-1985 standard, including support for NaNs and denormals
		■ 2: Reserved
		 3: Fully compliant with the IEEE Std 754-1985 standard plus NaN representation that matches the IEEE Std 754-2008 standard^a
		For details, see Compatibility with IEEE Std 754 Standards in the <i>Datapath Floating-Point Overview</i>

a. Propagating payload information to the output during the NaN process, which is an optional feature specified in the IEEE Std 754-2008 standard, is not supported.

Table 1-3 Synthesis Implementations

Implementation Name	Function	License Feature Required
rtl	Datapath gating close to the main inputs	DesignWare (P-2019.03 and later)DesignWare-LP (before P-2019.03)
rtl2 ^a	Datapath gating to allow late arrival time of DG_ctrl signal	DesignWare (P-2019.03 and later)DesignWare-LP (before P-2019.03)

a. By default, the rtl2 implementation is used for synthesis (see "Datapath Gating Control with DG_ctrl" on page 3).

Table 1-4 Simulation Models

Model	Function
DW02.DW_FP_SUB_DG_CFG_SIM	Design unit name for VHDL simulation
dw/dw02/src/DW_fp_sub_DG_sim.vhd	VHDL simulation model source code
dw/sim_ver/DW_fp_sub_DG.v	Verilog simulation model source code

Table 1-5 Functional Description

а	b	status	z ^a
a (floating-point)	b (floating-point)	*	a - b (floating-point)

a. The value for any a - b is defined by the rounding mode.

Datapath Gating Control with DG_ctrl

For DW_fp_sub_DG and other combinational components that have the datapath gating feature, the DG_ctrl port is provided to control datapath gating.

When DG_ctrl = 1, the component behaves as expected according to activity on the input ports.

When DG ctrl = 0:

- The component is disabled and internal gates are totally or partially isolated to block propagation of switching activity inside the component. This makes the component less sensitive to switching activity on the main ports and reduces dynamic power consumption.
- Values at the output ports are not defined.
- Simulation models set 'X' values at the output ports.

The implementations for DW_fp_sub_DG (see Table 1-3 on page 2) perform datapath gating differently:

- The rtl implementation places datapath gating as close as possible to the input ports to maximize dynamic power savings when DG_ctrl = 0. However, if the DG_ctrl signal arrives later than the data inputs, timing is degraded and area is increased to recover timing, which can increase power.
- The rtl2 implementation places datapath gating near the middle of the component. This approach is less sensitive to the arrival time of DG_ctlr and has a better chance of meeting timing and still providing dynamic power savings.

By default, the synthesis tool uses the rtl2 implementation, but you can override that. If timing constraints are loose or you know that the signal driving the DG_ctrl port arrives at the same time as other input signals, greater power savings can be attained by using the rtl implementation. You can make the override on a global level or on a case-by-case basis, as explained next.

To use the rtl implementation globally, you can disable the rtl2 implementation as follows:

■ Design Compiler (before version P-2019.03):

■ Design Compiler (P-2019.03 and later)

```
set_dont_use {dw_foundation.sldb/DW_fp_div_DG/rtl2}
```

Fusion Compiler:

```
set_synlib_dont_use {dw_foundation/DW_fp_div_DG/rtl2}
```

To use the rtl implementation for specific instantiated components, use the set_implementation command:

```
set_implementation U1 rtl
```

Suppressing Warning Messages During Verilog Simulation

The Verilog simulation model includes macros that allow you to suppress warning messages during simulation.

To suppress all warning messages for all DWBB components, define the DW_SUPPRESS_WARN macro in either of the following ways:

Specify the Verilog preprocessing macro in Verilog code:

```
`define DW_SUPPRESS_WARN
```

• Or, include a command line option to the simulator, such as:

```
+define+DW SUPPRESS WARN (which is used for the Synopsys VCS simulator)
```

The warning messages for this model include the following:

■ If an invalid rounding mode has been detected on rnd, the following message is displayed:

```
WARNING: <instance_path>:
    at time = <timestamp>: Illegal rounding mode.
```

To suppress this message, use the DW_SUPPRESS_WARN macro explained earlier.

Related Topics

- Datapath Floating-Point Overview
- DesignWare Building Blocks User Guide

HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - VHDL

```
library IEEE, DWARE;
use IEEE.std logic 1164.all;
use DWARE.DWpackages.all;
use DWARE.DW Foundation comp.all;
entity DW fp sub DG inst is
      generic (
        inst sig width : POSITIVE := 23;
        inst exp width : POSITIVE := 8;
        inst ieee compliance : INTEGER := 0
        );
      port (
        inst a : in std logic vector(inst sig width+inst exp width downto 0);
        inst b : in std_logic_vector(inst_sig_width+inst_exp_width downto 0);
        inst rnd : in std logic vector(2 downto 0);
        inst DG ctrl : in std logic;
        z inst : out std logic vector(inst sig width+inst exp width downto 0);
        status inst : out std logic vector(7 downto 0)
    end DW fp sub DG inst;
architecture inst of DW fp sub DG inst is
begin
    -- Instance of DW fp sub DG
    U1 : DW fp sub DG
    generic map ( sig width => inst sig width, exp width => inst exp width,
ieee compliance => inst ieee compliance )
    port map ( a => inst a, b => inst b, rnd => inst rnd, DG ctrl => inst DG ctrl, z =>
z inst, status => status inst );
end inst;
-- pragma translate off
configuration DW fp sub DG inst cfg inst of DW fp sub DG inst is
 for inst
 end for; -- inst
end DW fp sub DG inst cfg inst;
-- pragma translate on
```

HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - Verilog

```
module DW fp sub DG inst( inst a, inst b, inst rnd, inst DG ctrl, z inst,
          status inst );
parameter sig width = 23;
parameter exp width = 8;
parameter ieee compliance = 0;
input [sig width+exp width: 0] inst a;
input [sig width+exp width: 0] inst b;
input [2 : 0] inst_rnd;
input inst DG ctrl;
output [sig width+exp width: 0] z inst;
output [7 : 0] status_inst;
    // Instance of DW fp sub DG
    DW fp sub DG #(sig width, exp width, ieee compliance)
      U1 ( .a(inst a), .b(inst b), .rnd(inst rnd), .DG ctrl(inst DG ctrl), .z(z inst),
.status(status inst));
endmodule
```

Revision History

For notes about this release, see the *DesignWare Building Block IP Release Notes*.

For lists of both known and fixed issues for this component, refer to the STAR report.

For a version of this datasheet with visible change bars, click here.

Date	Release	Updates	
October 2020	DWBB_202009.1	■ For enhanced NaN compatibility with the IEEE Std 754 standards, added a new value for <i>ieee_compliance</i> in Table 1-2 on page 2	
July 2020	DWBB_201912.5	 Adjusted the description of the <i>ieee_compliance</i> parameter in Table 1-2 on page 2 Added "Suppressing Warning Messages During Verilog Simulation" on page 4 	
March 2019	DWBB_201903.0	 Add "Datapath Gating Control with DG_ctrl" on page 3 Clarified some information about minPower Added this Revision History table and the document links on this page 	

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